Mr. L. M. Pylee *(Latin Christians-Ernakulam)*: I don't know any date.

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instrction)*: I want notice.

VYPEEN—PALLIPPURAM ROAD—CONSTRUCTION OF

167. Mr. L. M. Pylee *(Latin Christians-Ernakulam)*: Will Government be pleased to state what steps have been taken to implement the assurance given by them that the construction of the Vypeen—Pallippuram Road would soon be resumed?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: There is part provision for this road in the Road Board programme. The Board has recommended that as much of the acquisition as is possible with this allotment may be made. The acquisition papers are under preparation.

Mr. L. M. Pylee *(Latin Christians-Ernakulam)*: What is the amount that is allotted according to this answer?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: Rs. 61,000.

Mr. L. M. Pylee *(Latin Christians-Ernakulam)*: When was the last survey of the lands to be acquired made? How long ago was it?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: The survey for the land required was not made before for the entire length of the road but only for one mile of the road.

Mr. L. M. Pylee *(Latin Christians-Ernakulam)*: Which is the locality, Sir?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: Near Vypeen.

Mr. L. M. Pylee *(Latin Christians-Ernakulam)*: How long ago was it?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: 5 years ago.

Mr. L. M. Pylee *(Latin Christians-Ernakulam)*: What steps are now being taken?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: We are now taking up the acquisition for the entire length of the road and preparing the land plan, etc.

Mr. L. M. Pylee *(Latin Christians-Ernakulam)*: After this long delay, will the Government be pleased to expedite the matter which will be beneficial to many, especially the labouring classes?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: Yes.

DELAY IN PREPARING COPIES BY THE COPYING ESTABLISHMENT OF THE HIGH COURT

168. Mr. A. V. Mothedan *(Chalakkudi)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether they are aware of the great delay in preparing copies by the High Court copying establishment;

(*b*) how many copyists are there and what is the number of sheets written by each;

(*c*) is it not a fact that in some cases copies are not ready even after three months?

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General)*:

(*a*) There is no avoidable delay in preparing copies.

(*b*) There are 8 copyists but all may not be working every day. Under the rules each copyist is to transcribe 12 sheets of 175 words per day. They write more than that and get the extra allowances under the rules.

The average number of stamp papers written by each copyist per day is more than 25.

(*c*) It is not a fact, unless the vacation of two months is included in calculating the period.

DIVERSION OF THE BUS ROUTES FROM TRICHUR TO IRINJALAKKUDA AND TRIPRAYAR

169. Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North)*: Will Government be pleased to state whether the Chairman of the Trichur Municipality was consulted before the diversion of the bus routes from the Trichur Town to Irinjalakkuda and Triprayar (Via Cherpu) was ordered?

Khan Sahib Y. M. Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police)*: Yes.

Mr. M. Krishna Manon *(Trichur-North)*: May I know from whom came the suggestion, whether it was the Hon'ble Police Commissioner or the Municipal Chairman who suggested that the route be changed?

Khan Sahib Y. M. Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police)*: The question is whether the Chairman was consulted or not.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North)*: I want to know from whom the suggestion came.

Khan Sahib Y. M. Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commisssioner of Police)*: Suggestion about what?

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Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North):* Regarding the change of route.

Khan Sahib Y. M. Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* The first suggestion came from the Town Sub-Inspector.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North):* May I know, whether the Police Commissioner has enquired into the reasons that prompted the Sub-Inspector to suggest this diversion ?

Khan Sahib Y. M. Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* It is the Transport Authority who ordered the change of route.

Mr. P. P. Devassy *(Trichur-South):* What was the reason for the change of the route ?.

Khan Sahib Y. M. Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* The new route was found to be better than the old route, which was narrow and congested for heavy traffic.

Mr. P. P. Devassy *(Trichur-South):* From the very beginning of bus traffic in Trichur, the old route was adopted.

Khan Sahib Y. M. Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* From the very beginning, there were objections also. The other day I met a predecessor of mine and he said, that even he had thought of diverting the route.

Mr. P. P. Devassy *(Trichur-South):* When was bus traffic started in Trichur ?

Khan Sahib Y. M. Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* About 10 years ago.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know, whether the Trichur Municipal Council was consulted ?

Khan Sahib Y. M. Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* No.

Mr. P. P. Devassy *(Trichur-South):* Was there a resolution against the change, from the Council ?

Khan Sahib Y. M. Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* Yes:

Mr. P. P. Devassy *(Trichur-South):* Was that resolution considered ?

Khan Sahib Y. M. Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* The resolution came after the decision was taken by the Transport Authority.

Mr. P. P. Devassy *(Trichur-South):* After the receipt of the resolution, was the question reconsidered ?

Khan Sahib Y. M. Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* No.

Mr. P. P. Devassy *(Trichur-South):* Was there any reason for not considering the resolution ?

Khan Sahib Y. M. Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* That resolution was not sent to the Transport Authority, but I think it was sent to the Government and the Government sent it to the Transport Authority.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* What was the result of the consultation with the Municipal Chairman ?

Khan Sahib Y. M. Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* The Chairman is a member of the Transport Authority. The members of the Transport Authority unanimously agreed.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Did the Chairman consent to the change after consulting the Municipal Council or of his own accord ?

Khan Sahib Y. M. Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* The whole point is, he is a member of the Transport Authority as Chairman of the Municipality and he agreed. It was a unanimous decision.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* So he agreed in his individual capacity.

Khan Sahib Y. M. Roshan Sahih Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* And he is a member as Chairman of the Municipality.

Mr. P. P. Devassy *(Trichur-South):* Are the Government aware that the new route is narrow and it has got a very long distance with houses packed on either side ?

Khan Sahib Y. M. Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* Still it is better than the old route.

Mr. P. P. Devassy *(Trichur-South):* Better in what way ? That we don't understand.

Khan Sahib Y. M. Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* Better for the purposes of traffic facilities. The road is less crowded for one thing and for the most part runs out of the town and there is no habitation on most part of the new route, whereas the old route is thickly congested and very narrow.

Mr. P. P. Devassy *(Trichur-South):* Is not the new route in the very heart of the town and a part where it is most thickly populated ?

Khan Sahib Y. M. Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* No.

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Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Are there not many Mills on both sides of this route?

Khan Sahib Y. M. Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police)*: Only for a space of 50 yards.

Khan Sahib Ismail Haji Easa Sait *(Mattancheri)*: Has the Commissioner of Police directly gone and inspected the place?

Khan Sahib Y. M. Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police)*: Yes.

BUS SERVICE FROM ERNAKULAM TO TRICHUR AND IRINJALAKKUDA

170. Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether permits have been granted to the C. T. S. Bus Service to run buses between Ernakulam and Trichur;

(*b*) if answer to (*a*) is in the affirmative will they please state the number of such buses allowed to run (*i.e.*, how many in number);

(*c*) whether these are allowed to run on charcoal gas or petrol;

(*d*) if the buses are to run on petrol, will they please state whether the Chief Engineer was consulted beforehand on the availability of petrol?

Khan Sahib Y. M. Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police)*:

(*a*) Permission has been given; formal permits are pending issue.

(*b*) Two.

(*c*) On petrol.

(*d*) No.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu)*: I may bring to the notice of the Hon'ble Chair that questions 170 to 174 all relate to the same subject and that the President may be pleased to allow me to put them together.

Mr. President: Yes.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu)*: Who is the authority to sanction petrol?

Khan Sahib Y. M. Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police)*: The Chief Engineer is the Rationing Officer.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu)*: Was there any reason why he was not consulted before petrol was sanctioned?

Khan Sahib Y. M. Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police)*: There is no need for such consultation.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu)*: Is the Chief Engineer to sanction the petrol on the application of the bus-owner or upon the orders of the Transport Authority?

Khan Sahib Y. M. Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police)*: As regards the controlled vehicles which are called "Lease/Lend Vehicles", the Commissioner of Police is the Motor Transport Controller and he decides whether or not a vehicle must be converted to gas. If he allows a bus, by way of exemption, from fitting up gas plant, the Chief Engineer issues petrol.

171. Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether there were applicants for times and permits to run through buses between Ernakulam and Trichur, Ernakulam and Irinjalakkuda;

(*b*) if answer to (*a*) is in the affirmative, will they please state the number of such petitions and whose was the first?

Khan Sahib Y. M. Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police)*:

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) *Ernakulam—Trichur Line.*—7 petitions. The first was from P.S.N. Service
Ernakulam—Irinjalakkuda Line.—4 petitions. The first was from Pioneer Service.

172. Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether they had any applications to cancel the A. T. Union Bus lines and to substitute the P. S. N. Motor Service;

(*b*) was the application sanctioned and if so, in whose favour;

(*c*) will they please state the stations between which through running was sanctioned;

(*d*) will they please state whether the buses sanctioned are to run on petrol or charcoal gas;

(*e*) will they please state the number of buses allowed to run (*i.e.*, how many)?

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